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RULING IN POLICE CASE

Court of Appeals Says Anderson and Morewood Guilty Verdict Stands EXTORTION THROWN OUT Sentences of Two Men Unchanged as One Court Reversed

The Court of Appeals on Nov. 28 affirmed the verdict of guilty on the charge of bribery of which B. M. Anderson, former city marshal of Torrance, and A. P. Morewood, Hermosa Beach attorney, were convicted in Superior Court.

The decision of the higher tribunal reversed the verdict of guilty on charges of extortion, holding that evidence at the trial was insufficient to warrant the verdict.

Anderson and Morewood were sentenced to serve from two to ten years. It was stated at the district attorney's office yesterday that the decision of the Court of Appeals will not necessitate a change in the sentences, as the terms ran concurrently.

Both Anderson and Morewood are out on bail. The decision of the Court of Appeals does not become effective until 60 days after its pronouncement—on or about Jan. 28, 1926.

Anderson and Morewood now have three choices. They may ask for a rehearing of the case before the Court of Appeals. They may carry the case to the Supreme Court on a writ of error, or they may abandon their fight for liberty and start serving their sentences.

It is probable that they will seek either a rehearing or will carry the case to the Supreme Court.

The two men were arrested in connection with the apprehension and release of five Compton men in Torrance. At the trial evidence was introduced to show that the Compton men were acquitted on various charges owing to insufficient evidence and that the evidence was insufficient because of \$750 which was received by Anderson, Morewood and Stanley Abbott, former officer.

The decision of the Court of Appeals absolves Anderson and Morewood from the charge that they extorted money from the Compton men, but holds them guilty of using the money for purposes of bribery. The bribery charge was based on evidence that Morewood and Anderson "split" the money with Abbott to induce him to "soften" his testimony against the Compton men.

Another phase of the case came to light here recently when representatives of the five Compton men informally suggested to City Attorney P. G. Briney that they planned to seek damages from the city of Torrance to recompense them for the money they are asserted to have given Morewood and Anderson and the humiliation caused them by the case. City Attorney Briney advised the Board of Trustees that the Compton men have no legal claim against the city of Torrance. If any liability existed, he said, it would rest with the house that furnished Anderson some bond. He doubted even this liability.

Paving Company Puts Up Plant Near Torrance

The George R. Curtis Company, paving contractors, will erect a plant at Normandie and East roads soon. The company has contracts in this district sufficient to keep the plant running for two years. One of these contracts is for the paving of Carson street, work on which is already progressing rapidly. All the asphalt for this pavement and for many other highways in the district will be prepared at the local plant. The company leased the ground from J. C. Smith of the Torrance Investment Company.

HOWDY, CHARLIE

Charles Vonderhage arrived in Torrance this morning from Florida. They all come back—even from Florida.

Ed Kelly Taken By Death After Two Operations

Respected Torrance Business Man Passes Away at Hospital Thursday Morning

Ed Kelly, well known Torrance business man, died at 5 o'clock this morning at the Jared Sidney Torrance Memorial Hospital after an extended illness.

Mr. Kelly underwent an operation on his leg a number of weeks ago and was in a weakened condition on Thanksgiving Day, when an operation for acute appendicitis became necessary.

Handicapped by the weakness of his condition, Mr. Kelly clung bravely to life for a week, and passed away at last after several rallies for the better.

Respected by hundreds of patrons, business men and other friends in Torrance, Mr. Kelly had for three years conducted a men's furnishings store on Cabrillo avenue. His death is a distinct loss to the community.

Mr. Kelly was born 38 years ago in Pitkin, Colo.

Besides Mrs. Kelly, a devoted family matriarch, the loss of their son and brother. He is survived by his mother, who resides in San Diego; three sisters, Mrs. Eola Hughes and Miss Pauline Kelly of San Diego, Mrs. J. B. Ferguson of Redondo Beach; and a brother, Malcolm Kelly, of Quinalt Lake, Wash.

Private funeral services will be conducted Friday afternoon at 2 o'clock at the Stone and Myers chapel. Rev. F. A. Zeller will officiate. Burial will be in the mausoleum at Inglewood.

Churches Will Serve Suppers Free on Friday

Announce Near East Relief Program at Central Evangelical

In anticipation of Golden Rule Sunday, Dec. 6, a film showing actual conditions in the Near East will be screened at the Central Evangelical Church Friday night, in addition to the moving picture showing the orphanages and revealing conditions in the Near East, the relief work in that great area will be described.

Supper will be served at 6:30. There will be no charge, for the supper and the entertainment. The public is invited.

L. B. Kelsey Will Take Applications For License Plates

Torrance motorists will have an opportunity to "shop early" for 1926 automobile license plates.

The National Automobile Club announces that L. B. Kelsey will apply for plates for local people. Applications for plates must be accompanied by the white registration certificates. There will be no charge for the service on Mr. Kelsey's part. His office is in the First National Bank building on Marcella avenue.

Parent-Teacher Ass'n Hears Talk About Good Books

An interesting feature of the last regular P. T. A. meeting was a talk on "Good Books" by Mrs. Isabel Henderson, city librarian.

Mrs. Henderson urged that the children have a few books of their very own to handle and read, and thus create a love for good books and reading. She displayed a child's book, published in 1847, which she discovered years ago in the attic of her old home in the east.

Mrs. Henderson stated that there is a display of good books for children at the library this week, and read a list of books especially adapted to children.

Mrs. Gordon L. Groves, councillor of Section D, gave a short talk on P. T. A. work.

Mrs. Fraser, membership chairman, reported a membership of 206 as a result of the drive which ended Nov. 25.

A vote of thanks was given all who contributed to the success of Tag Day, which netted the organization \$82.30.

PAVEMENT COST CUT DOWN

Trustees Will Specify Oil Macadam for Big Area on West Side

CHEAPER LOTS NEEDED Board Acts in Move to Provide Workmen's Land at Low Prices

Impressed with the fact that the purpose of the proceedings for the improvement of the district lying between Cedar and Madrid avenues is to provide reasonably-priced residence lots, the Board of Trustees last Friday night at a special meeting decided that the highways in the area be paved with oiled macadam. A resolution of intention specifying the less expensive type will be drafted.

The new resolution will specify concrete pavement for Cedar avenue and asphalt surface for Carson street between Cedar and Madrid avenues.

A friendly protest against the use of either asphalt or cement-concrete in the proposed new residence district was made to the board by the Dominguez Land Corporation and the Chamber of Commerce. These protests pointed out that the only purpose for the improvement was to open up a new dwelling-house district where workmen of factories which may locate in Torrance may buy lots at prices not possible on streets paved with concrete or asphalt.

In originally specifying cement for the streets the Board of Trustees acted in the belief that hard-surface pavement would be an economy in the long run. It was later pointed out, however, that a large industry which is considering Torrance as a location has been guaranteed that lots for workmen's dwellings here can be purchased at certain definite and reasonable figures, which guarantee would be nullified if a more expensive type of pavement were specified.

Club Members Hear Speech on Colorado Dam

Secretary of the Commission Outlines Purposes of Big Project

Burdette Moody, secretary of the Boulder Dam Commission, spoke on the Colorado dam project Tuesday afternoon at the regular meeting of the Women's Club.

The following chairman reported on the conference held in Los Angeles by the chairmen of their committees.

Miss Lydia Pringle reported on the federation secretaries' conference, for Mrs. J. M. Fitzhugh, who was unable to attend, and also on her own conference—that of international relations.

Mrs. S. C. Collins, on the moving picture conference.

Mrs. W. H. Albert, on the conference of the junior work.

Mrs. Nettie Steinhilber reported that the Torrance Relief will have the theatre on the night of Dec. 9. There will be added attractions with no advance in price. Also the Torrance Relief will make an apron and cap as a Christmas gift for each woman at the county farm.

Mrs. Parks appointed Mrs. William Lavin and Mrs. T. F. Foley as a committee to work with the Torrance Relief to see to the keeping clean of public places and vacant lots.

A meeting of the executive board was held preceding the regular meeting, at which time ten new members were admitted to the club.

Other business acted upon at this time was voting to turn all money received from the junior dance, above the expenses, to the veterans' Christmas fund. This dance will be held on Dec. 21, for the young folks. Admission, 35 cents.

APRON PARTY

The Philathea class of the M. E. Church will give an apron party Friday, Dec. 4. You are cordially invited to come and bring a penny for each inch around your waist, or "If your waist is so large you don't care to measure, a dollar or two will give the girls great pleasure."

Mr. and Mrs. Marion Reeve and children, of Cabrillo avenue, were holiday dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Nelson Reeve of Lawndale.

Observations

How the Tax Reductions Will Affect You—The Coming Congress and Cloture for the Senate; Mussolini's Folly—Politics in Texas

By W. HAROLD KINGSLEY

LEADERS in Congress predict that the tax reduction bill, agreed upon in committee, will be enacted by both the House and the Senate by March.

The reduction proposed by the bill amounts to \$336,236,000, which is a lot of money any way you look at it. The individual taxpayer, however, is interested more in figures that affect him personally. So it is fitting that we enumerate some of the proposed reductions here.

The bill would relieve one million persons from the payment of any federal taxes.

HERE are some of the provisions, subject, of course, to amendment:

Exemptions of \$1500 instead of \$1000 for single persons. Exemptions of \$3500 instead of \$2500 for married persons.

Reduction of the normal income tax rates from 2 to 1 percent on the first \$4000 of taxable income, from 4 to 3 percent on the next \$4000, and from 6 to 5 percent on the remainder.

Reduction of the surtax rates, beginning with incomes of \$10,000, so that the graduated scale would have a maximum of 20 percent applying to the amount of income in excess of \$100,000. The present maximum is 40 percent applying on \$500,000 and over.

Increase of the amount of income on which the 25 percent credit for "earned income" is allowed, from \$10,000 to \$20,000.

Repeal of the gift tax, involving \$2,000,000 revenue annually.

Reduction of the inheritance rates from a maximum of 40 percent to 20 percent, and nullification of the increased rates carried in the 1924 act, restoring the lower 1921 rates pending enactment on the new bill.

The reductions will be made on this year's taxes, payable in 1926.

CONGRESS convenes Dec. 7, to be confronted by an array of problems unusually difficult of solution.

The program ahead of the federal legislators drives home the fact that the business of developing this continent has only just begun.

Among the big bills which will come up for consideration are the proposed compulsory railway consolidation bill; the great waterways bill contemplating the linking up of the Great Lakes with the Mississippi River and the Lakes with the St. Lawrence; a bill providing for the development of water power projects such as the Colorado River plan; another containing the national transcontinental highway program; and another for the regulation of motorbus and truck traffic.

THESE are only a few of the important measures Congress may consider. Myriads of other bills, some important, some mere bunk, will be presented, pigeon-holed, defeated or passed.

With this gigantic program staring Congress in the face, Vice-President Dawes once more sounds the demand that the Senate return its rules so that a majority of the members can limit debate. The country is with Dawes in this attempted reform.

Under the present rules one man can talk a bill to death. And while it seems to be the prerogative of a senator or congressman to talk, the people do not want that right used to the detriment of the country.

The work ahead of Congress—the work of developing our great portion of this great continent—is greater than the right of any senator to impede progress by the use of gas.

BENITO MUSSOLINI, premier of Italy, has thrown the gauntlet of his opposition to Freemasonry. Under his guidance a bill for the abolition of secret societies in Italy passed the Italian Senate last week by a vote of 208 to 6, with 21 not voting.

The benefits, even to the Fascist, of this measure are open to strong doubt. Italian Masons have been, generally speaking, political opponents of Mussolini. With his anti-secret society measure, the premier has sought to crush his opposition with one stroke. But in the light of history, it seems that Benito has erred.

Governments never do well by arbitrarily snuffing out enemy minorities. When the hand of government is thus unjust, snuffed-out minorities sometimes become overwhelming majorities. Many who are not Masons, many who are Fascist, will regard the measure, and by the ready manner in which the four big powers forced Greece and Bulgaria to stop fighting.

Our world trade is increasing daily by leaps and bounds. Economically we are as much a part of the rest of the world as every state is a part of our union. To enter the World Court would be only to recognize an institution for the regulation of differences among nations, just as individuals in every civilized country look to their own courts for decisions on controversial questions between individuals.

MA FERGUSON, governor of Texas, is in the vortex of a southwestern political whirlpool such as Texas only can set in motion.

It is interesting to watch the developments even from this distance. First of all the governor pardoned too many prisoners to suit many of the Texans. So they attacked her vehemently for leniency toward offenders—particularly against men sentenced for liquor violations.

Ma countered last week with the offer of a reward for the conviction on a liquor charge of every person worth more than \$5000. That bombshell found a place of prominent record on every front page in the country. It looked like a great coup on Ma's part.

This morning the papers carry a story to the effect that Ma's butler is under arrest as a bootlegger. They certainly do make their politics brisk in Texas.

BABY DAY FRIDAY

The babies' hour at the Mothers' Educational Center begins at 10 o'clock Friday, Dec. 4, at the Women's Clubhouse. The Paldogoly Club meets at 11 o'clock. All mothers are invited to attend.

TO ELECT OFFICERS

The Torrance Relief Society will hold its annual election of officers Friday morning at 10 o'clock at the Torrance Library on El Prado.

WELCOME

O. J. Hobson, assistant city engineer of Torrance, has moved with his family to 1920 Andrew avenue.

WILL GIVE CHARITY SHOW

Torrance Theatre Proceeds Next Wednesday for Relief Fund

BOOK LOCAL MUSICIANS Reginald Denny Picture and Augmented Program Announced

Next Wednesday evening will be Charity Night at the Torrance Theatre, all proceeds above expenses going to the charity fund now being collected by the Torrance Chamber of Commerce and the Torrance Relief Society for use of the society, the Boy Scouts, and a local emergency fund.

A capacity house is expected at the theatre. A number of special numbers by Torrance and Lomita entertainers and musicians will augment the moving picture program, the feature of which will be Reginald Denny in "Where Was I?"

Those who have consented to appear on the program are Miss Elsie Teal, pianist; Mrs. Tom Willey of Lomita, soloist; John Wilson of Lomita, Scotch comedian; Mrs. Gordon Groves of Lomita; the Male Quartette of Torrance; and Mrs. James M. Fitzhugh, accompanist.

Expect 400 at Harbor Dinner Here on Jan. 14

Torrance Will Be Host to District Chambers of Commerce

That the Harbor District Chambers of Commerce will long remember the meeting to be held in Torrance on Jan. 14 seemed certain when committees in charge of the affair here met Tuesday afternoon at the Chamber of Commerce to perfect details.

It is expected that 350 or 400 will attend the dinner here. The meal will be served at the Women's Clubhouse by members of the club. A lively program of entertainment and stunts is being prepared by Rufus Page and Harum Reeve, of the program committee.

Boy Scouts will be stationed at all entrances to Torrance to direct visitors to the Women's Clubhouse.

A feature of the affair here will be an industrial exhibit in the foyer of the clubhouse. J. C. Smith and Alfred Gourdier are in charge of this exhibit, which, it is planned, will show all products manufactured in Torrance.

Several Liquor Violators Plead Guilty in Court

Sentences Passed by Justice of the Peace L. J. Hunter

During the past week several persons pleaded guilty to violations of the Wright act. They were: E. J. Bush, Huntington Park, \$250 or 250 days; Michael Frabacillo, Southgate, \$200 or 200 days; August Bush, Huntington Park, \$200 or 200 days; Edwin Rivero, 224 Leona street, Los Angeles, \$350 or 350 days; R. Lafata, 7905 Santa Fe avenue, \$150 or 150 days. Commitments were issued, in default of bail. Maurice Healy, 1200 East Colorado avenue, Glendale, paid a fine of \$200.

B. N. Bantovich of Compton avenue, at liberty under \$1000 surety bond, will plead today to a violation of the Wright act.

Giovanni Sanino and Giovanni Miniso each paid a fine of \$200 after changing their pleas of not guilty to guilty.

Mary Andriano of 1556 Florence avenue pleaded not guilty to a violation of the Wright act and will have a court trial Dec. 28. She is at liberty under a surety bond.

Sam Marsiglio, 14, and Solomon Miller, 12, charged by K. Murakami with burglary, were certified to the Superior court.

Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Lehman were dinner guests Thanksgiving of their daughter, Mrs. Fay Allison, of Long Beach.

Charity Drive So Far Shows Total of \$900

Workers Meet With Generous Response From People of Torrance

Torrance is responding generously to the call for charity, conducted under the direction of the Chamber of Commerce and the Torrance Relief Society. A canvass of the residence district by members of the relief organization and of the business and industrial district by the Chamber of Commerce has netted subscriptions which aggregate approximately \$1,000. Some solicitations remain to be made and before the campaign closes, it is expected about \$1200 will have been collected for the use of the relief society, the Boy Scouts and emergencies during the ensuing year.

Persons who have knowledge of needy families whose Christmas may not be as cheerful as it should be are requested to notify any of the following: Envoiy Ivy Grace of the Salvation Army, 2122 Gramercy avenue, Phone 225-W; Mrs. Nettie Steinhilber, of the Torrance Relief Society, Phone 217-J; Mrs. W. W. Woodington of the Torrance Relief Society, Phone 119-J. The Torrance Relief and the Salvation Army will co-operate to avoid duplication.

Rumor General Motors Harbor Plant Planned

Officials of Big Auto Combine in Los Angeles This Week

Rumors persisted in Los Angeles this week that the General Motors Corporation is planning to locate a large automobile plant in the harbor district. A Los Angeles morning paper published a report that officials of the company are negotiating for "the Lomita ranch" owned by the Senator Clark interests.

Just where this ranch is located was not stated. It has not been definitely ascertained that the late Senator Clark owned any ranch in or near Lomita.

The following General Motors Corporation officials were in Los Angeles this week: A. P. Sloan Jr., president; John J. Bassett, chairman of the corporation's financial committee and a representative of the du Pont interests; F. J. Fisher, director of General Motors and the Fisher Body Company; and Donaldson Brown, General Motors director.

Special Program At Local Theatre Shows on Saturday

Special programs for children will be featured at the Saturday matinee and two evening performances at the Torrance theatre Saturday. The program will include numbers by the following: Miss Bernice Elman, violinist; Joanna Neelands, soloist; Frederick Shidler, pianist; the White Rose Trio of Torrance.

Chris. Mayer, 87, Taken by Death

Chris Mayer, 87, passed away Tuesday, December 1, at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Charles Morgan of 1819 220th street.

Services this morning at Stone and Myers chapel were in charge of members of the Four Square Gospel.

Jury Acquits Man On Liquor Charge

John Manukoff, manager of George's Restaurant on Border avenue, was acquitted last Friday by a jury in the city recorder's court of a charge of possessing liquor. Police raided the property on Nov. 10 and confiscated a pint of liquor and a gallon jug partly filled with wine. Manukoff denied all knowledge of the liquor. Between 25 and 30 other persons have living quarters on the same lot. There were seven women and five men on the jury.

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ANNEXING ELECTION TUESDAY

Residents West of City To Ballot on Proposal to Join Torrance

TRUNK SEWER PROMISED Engineer Warren Says Line Will Go In Under Present Bond Issue

Residents of the district between Torrance and Redondo Beach will vote next Tuesday on a proposal to consolidate with the city of Torrance.

The polling place—Rogers' Garage at 1859 Redondo Boulevard will be open from 6 a. m. to 7 p. m.

The election was called by the Board of Trustees of Torrance in accordance with a petition signed by more than 25 percent of the registered voters in the district affected.

Since the date of the filing of the petition scores of citizens in the area have registered. A warm campaign has been conducted in the territory affected by opponents of the annexation proceedings. The source of much of the opposition comes, proponents of the move believe, from Los Angeles, whence paid agitators are frequently employed to safeguard the city of Los Angeles against opposition to its well-known and wholesale annexation program.

Predictions differ. Predictions as to the outcome of the election Tuesday differ. The most active opponents of the proceedings predict an overwhelming defeat for the proposition. Others assert that the vote will show a majority in favor of consolidating with Torrance.

The citizens of the district who favor joining Torrance believe that if they do not make such a move they will be "gobbled up" sooner or later by the city of Los Angeles. They believe that Torrance, also, and thus extending the present Torrance limits to the present eastern boundary of Redondo Beach, Los Angeles will be permanently prevented from incursions between these two cities.

The low tax rates prevailing in Torrance, also, provide proponents of the proceedings with an argument in favor of annexation.

Sewer is Promised

Under the proceedings, the territory proposed for annexation will be added upon to issue no portion whatever of the small bond indebtedness of the city of Torrance.

Engineer Warren of the Metropolitan Sewer system this week stated positively that a trunk line sewer would be built under the present bond issue to serve the territory proposed for annexation.

There are 169 registered voters in the district affected. About 80 of these are employees of two large oil companies.

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